

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7054 of the First Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judge Wayne C. Shelton  
for meritorious service to the citizens of  
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those jurists who have evidenced devotion to the law and our judicial system throughout their years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wayne C. Shelton is one such noteworthy jurist who has served the good people of Montgomery County with distinction since his appointment as Division II Juvenile and General Sessions Court Judge on July 1, 1979, by Governor Lamar Alexander; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary forty-year tenure on the bench, Judge Shelton has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Wayne C. Shelton was born on November 2, 1945, to Mark and Ethel Shelton of Wabbaseka, Arkansas, and graduated from Stuttgart High School in Stuttgart, Arkansas, in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Rhodes College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Memphis Law School; and

WHEREAS, he began his legal career in Clarksville, where he operated a private practice with the late Thomas E. Stamper for several years before receiving his appointment to the bench; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by his peers, Judge Wayne Shelton is a member of several national juvenile court organizations and a past president of the Tennessee Council of

Juvenile and Family Court Judges, which he continues to serve as a member of the Council's executive committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Judge Shelton was awarded the Judge Elizabeth McCain Memorial Award in recognition of his service to the juvenile courts of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wayne Shelton evinces his faith as a member of First Baptist Church in Clarksville; he is a thirty-five-year member of the Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Judge Shelton is most appreciative of the love and support of his beloved wife, Patty Shelton, and their eight children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton exemplifies the commitment to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge Wayne Shelton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow members of the bench and bar, the parties appearing before his court, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Judge Wayne C. Shelton on his exemplary forty-year tenure as Division II Juvenile and General Sessions Court Judge for Montgomery County, applaud his commitment to justice and impartiality under the law, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.